

Preliminary Amendment
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): Pourer (1, 21) comprising a sleeve-shaped elongated body constructed at one end (3, 23) for clamping introduction into the pouring facility of a container and constructed at the other end (15, 35) as a collector for liquid droplets, wherein a pouring section (2, 22) is arranged in said other end (15, 35), the free end (9, 29) of said pouring section in the pouring position producing further than the free end (13) of the collector, wherein a collection channel (14) is delimited between said collector and said pouring section, said collection channel having a transverse section (19) extending transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis (7) of said elongated body and merging into a longitudinal section (18) on either side, characterized in that the longitudinal section (18) of the collection channel opens into the sleeve-shaped body.

Claim 2 (original): Pourer according to Claim 1, wherein said collector and pouring section comprise a single material part.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, wherein the cross-section of said channel gradually decreases from said transverse section to the opening of said longitudinal section into the sleeve-shaped body.

Claim 4 (original): Pourer according to Claim 3, wherein the height of the pouring section (2, 22) protruding from the sleeve-shaped section decreases from the free end thereof towards the one end of the sleeve-shaped section.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Pourer according to Claim 2 ~~or 4~~, wherein the end limit of the second edge (13) is at an angle (α) with respect to the longitudinal axis (17) of said pourer, which angle (α) is positive.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, wherein the other end of said tubular body has an annular part provided with a split (6) extending in the longitudinal direction of said body over the entire length thereof, which annular part is made of a resilient material.

Claim 7 (original): Pourer according to Claim 6, wherein said split comprises a gap (6) of at least 20 degrees.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding claims in~~
~~combination with~~ Claim 5, wherein, in the non-compressed position, the external diameter of the annular part is at least approximately 20 mm.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding claims, in combination with~~ Claim 5, wherein said annular part is provided with external ribs (4).

Claim 10 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding claims, in combination with~~ Claim 8, wherein the annular part is provided with an elastomer sealing ring (25).

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding claims, in combination with~~ Claim 5, wherein the free end of the annular part comprises a point (5) extending in the longitudinal direction.

Claim 12 (original): Pourer according to Claim 8, wherein from said point, said end limit of the annular part extends in accordance with a spiral, with the longitudinal direction as core.

Claim 13 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding claims, in combination with~~ Claim 6, wherein said one part is flared after the free end.

Claim 14 (currently amended): Pourer according to one of the preceding claims, in combination with Claim 5, wherein said one end comprises part of a circle, wherein the arc spanned by said part of a circle decreases towards the free end.

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Claim 15 (currently amended): Pourer according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, made from plastic material.